SENATE BILL 911

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to civil fines and penalties imposed by state entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated chapter:

4-__-101. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the proceeds from all civil fines and civil penalties imposed for violations of any provision of state law, when so collected by any agency, department, board, or other entity of state government, shall be deposited by the entity with the state treasurer and shall become part of the state general fund without being designated for any specific purpose.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to the act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any civil fine or penalty imposed on or after July 1, 2013.